

Washington, DC - Today, Rep. Linda Sánchez announced a grant award to the City of Lakewood for \$695,200 from the Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. The funds will help Lakewood improve energy efficiency, reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and create green jobs locally.

"This is a tangible example for why I worked so hard to pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act," said Rep. Linda Sánchez. "I'm happy to see Lakewood benefit from this award to create local jobs and help our environment."

The City of Lakewood will use the federal funding for improvements to a 25-year old Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system at the Centre at Sycamore Plaza, a meeting and banquet facility. The efficiency of new replacements to the system will result in significant energy savings with over \$32,000 in annual utility bill savings.

"We appreciate Congresswoman Sánchez' efforts to assist the city in reducing our impact on the environment," said Lakewood Mayor Todd Rogers. "Every project that makes us more energy efficient and our "carbon footprint" smaller is a victory for a greener Lakewood. With the Congresswoman's help, energy conservation is being built into our most-used city facility, with long-term payoffs in the form of lower operating costs and measurable environmental benefits."

The EECBG Program was funded for the first time by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Funding for the EECBG Program under the Recovery Act totals \$3.2 billion, of which approximately \$2.7 billion will be awarded through formula grants to more than 2,300 cities, counties, states, and Indian tribes nationwide. In addition, more than \$400 million will be delivered through competitive grants, which will be awarded through a separate, future Funding Opportunity Announcement.